



INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION

AI10-002

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION

**CODE REFERENCE:** City of Rockville Code, Chapter V, Article XIV, Division I, Section 5-303.

**BACKGROUND:** When performed without architectural or structural changes, are alterations of electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fuel gas, or fire protection systems, considered to be alterations for the purposes of determining Article XIV applicability based upon the gross square footage of an alteration?

**INTERPRETATION:** No, the intent of Section 5-303 is that alteration to or replacement of electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fuel gas, or fire protection systems that are the sole scope of the project, and are not part of a larger project, are not considered to be alterations for the purposes of determining applicability with Article XIV.

However, alteration to or replacement of electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fuel gas, or fire protection systems that require alterations to architectural features, including floorplan layouts, or structural members do qualify as alterations for the purposes of determining applicability with Article XIV, but only to the extent of the architectural or structural alterations.

Any alterations to or replacement of electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fuel gas, or fire protection systems must be done in conformance with the applicable codes and standards, regardless of any necessary compliance with Article XIV.

**DATE:** October 15, 2010

**APPROVED:**

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